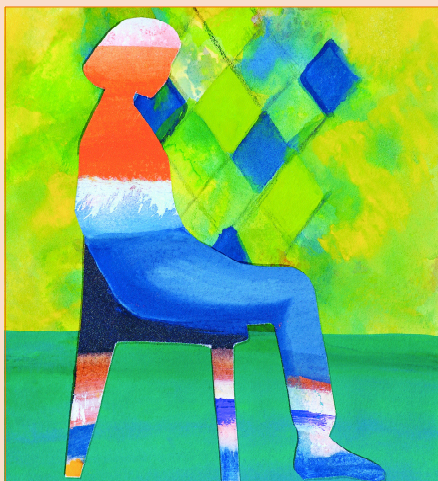


Financial Assistance for Victims of Domestic Violence



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**Victims of Crime
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What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic Violence is a pattern of behavior used to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation, often including violence or threats of violence.

In some cases, the New Jersey Victims of Crime Compensation Board (NJ VCCB) can help domestic violence victims financially.

If you have been the victim of domestic violence, the NJ VCCB may be able to assist you with some of the expenses you incur as a result of the crime. In addition, the Board may be able to provide financial assistance to help you relocate to a safe location.

**You don't
deserve to be abused.**

You are not alone.

You are not to blame.

Who is eligible?

In cases involving victims of domestic abuse, the following persons may apply:

- Victim who suffers personal injury as a result of the crime.
- Family members of a victim.

Eligibility Requirements

- The crime must have occurred in New Jersey
- The victim must have reported the crime to police within 3 months.
- The victim must cooperate with the investigation and prosecution of the crime.
- The claim must be filed within 2 years of the date of the crime.

How do I apply?

Complete a NJ VCCB claim form application. Send it to us along with the police report or final restraining order and documentation showing financial loss or need. Once this information is received, a claims specialist will be assigned to assist you with your claim. If all eligibility requirements have been met, your claim will be approved.

What expenses may be paid?

The following expenses may be paid by the Board if they were not covered by your insurance or other sources of funding:

Mental Health Costs: Counseling that is needed as a result of the crime, including individual or group therapy.

Lost Wages: Loss of income due to your physical or emotional injury resulting directly from the crime.

Medical/Dental Costs: Medical expenses directly related to the crime including ambulance or other transportation, hospital, physician and prescriptions.

Replacement Childcare/

Household Services: Services that the victim is unable to perform due to a crime.

Emergency Relocation Expenses:

For costs such as security deposits, first month's rent and moving costs.

Am I eligible for emergency relocation expenses?

To qualify for moving expenses the victim must:

- Complete the NJ VCCB claim form and meet all other eligibility requirements for reparations.
- Need to move due to a reasonable fear of danger related to the crime for which the claim was filed.

Staff will review the application form and contact you for additional information.

If you are a victim:

- You are not alone and you are not to blame.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help.
- Talk with someone you trust.
- Contact a community resource agency to develop a plan for staying safe or call our Victim Advocacy Unit.



What can a domestic violence program do for me?

Local domestic violence programs provide confidential assistance, including emergency safety services such as shelters and 24-hour crisis lines. Advocates can also accompany you to court, to the police station, or to social services, and give you emotional support. Advocates are there to help make things a lot easier for you. Please contact our office for more information and referrals to a domestic violence program in your area. Call 1-877-658-2221 or view our website at **www.njvictims.org**.

Available services

Although services may vary, there are domestic violence services available in every county in the state.

- **Shelters/Safe Homes**
- **24-Hour Emergency Hotline**
- **Advocacy**
- **Assistance with Legal Proceedings**
- **Obtaining Restraining Orders for Your Protection**
- **Support Groups**

You don't have to figure it out on your own.

You can ask a domestic violence advocate for help.

New Jersey Victim's Rights Constitutional Amendment

Article 1, Paragraph 22

A victim of crime shall be treated with fairness, compassion and respect by the criminal justice system. A victim of crime shall not be denied the right to be present at public judicial proceedings except when, prior to completing testimony as a witness, the victim is properly sequestered in accordance with law or the rules governing the courts of the State of New Jersey.



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